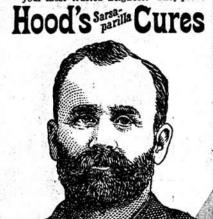
The Last of a Professional Duelit

"I was standing here yesterday afternoon," said De Vinne Nicklin, down in the Bowery, "wondering how many tons of swords and pistols and the like I had stacked up in the back of my shop, when a slender figure, robed in black and thickly veiled, entered the door and laid upon the showcase in front of me an ebony case containing the finest pair of flint-lock dueling pistols I ever saw. Convulsed with sobs, the lady in black, who drew aside her veil to let me see that she was of transcendant beauty managed to inform me that the pistols which I saw before me were the last and most sacred relic of a once princely fortune that had belonged to her husband. He was a 'professional duelist,' she said, but had been out of work for a long time and was utterly unable to find employment on Manhattan Island. One by one his black coats and beautiful gray trousers—implements of his art—had been pawned, and now there was nothing left but the baby and the pistols. They had prayed for heavenly direction in their decision as to which of these they should hypothecate, and although her heart misgave her sorely as to the result, her good husband had finally decided that the pistols should be 'spouted.' They were something in the nature of a family Bible to her, she said, because the birthday of her infant boy, the date of her marriage and other interesting domestic events had been neatly nicked with a bowie-knife in the ivory handles of their beautiful weapons. In the little silver-clasped cavities, always provided in the butt of dueling pistols for caps and the like, she had instead been accustomed to keep a lock of hers and her husband's hair, neatly intertwined. I bought the pistols from her, of course, being much moved by her suffering, and she left me with a bright smile upon her face, promising, when these funds ran out, that she would bring 'round the baby."-New York Recorder.

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WILD DUCKS.

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There Are Many Varieties-Some Generally Found Inland, While Others Frequent the Sea Coast-Hints For Hunters.

OME ducks are cosmopolitanothers only so by spells. So extensive is their migration that many are common to four continents. The mallard is the same on both sides of the Atlantic-monogamous everywhere except in contact with man.

So, too, the gadwell, spoonbill and a few others are common to all the regions of the Northern Hemisphere, but while the hooded merganser, the golden eyes, the three little teals and the bufflehead make their homes with us they are sometimes projected by their swift flights like missiles on foreign coasts. The English teal is likewise occasionally found on our shores. The wood duck, however, the redhead and the scaups are ours, along with the ringneck and the ruddy. We have, too, as American widgeon, and of course the canvasback is one of "our



The species mentioned are those most generally found inland. Many most generally found inland. Many an old hunter has not seen all of these. But there are others that frequent the seacoasts exclusively, that struggle to us sometimes in passing. While all pass in the fall on the way South and afford good shooting at well known but limited haunts, it is mostly in the wake of the warm spring rain and on the south spring wind that ducks come to us everywhere. The earth then is keeping open house for them. Large swamps that were dry in autumn are flooded now to just the proper depth, and little pools are strident with the screech of frogs and other wriggling things that ducks delight in.

This, too, is the stimulant season. In the blotchy patches in the sky, the

In the blotchy patches in the sky, the squawk and quacks and wing swishes that fret the air, there is a larger hope ahead than a larder or a couch. Ducks have come, are coming, are everywhere. Any one that can pull trigger can bag them. The "hardpan" ponds, whose dams afford such sure approach, the narrow prairie runs, the sloughs and deep cuts of the wooded creeks, the stalk field furrows, the very way-side puddles, are dotted. Everywhere are skulking, creeping figures of men and splashing steps, and lumbago and rheumatism find food and lodging over the land.

Where are the ducks from? The mallard, that prince of inland ducks, just spreads himself during the colder months from Labrador to Panama, reveling anywhere that ice remains unformed, beating about with the low storm centres. The pintail keeps him company, with a penchant for Cuba when it is very frigid here, while the black duck acts very like them both over a space much farther east. So, too, the gadwall, but the baldpates, spoonbills, scaups and most others hail from Mexico, the West Indies and Central America, and come up from a feast on the Southern lagoons for love and a new suit of clothes on the Northern lakes to the music of the melting ice crash.

The blue wing teal goes farther south than the green wing. It is the greater traveler of the two-in fact, it has perhaps the swiftest wing among webfoot birds. These are apt to be a little late because they have been so far away. The mergansers, too, come up as the the crawling things loose their hold upon the slimy bottomsfor they are animal feeders exclusively -true fish ducks. The sea ducks, too, are apt to be a little late for the same reason. But many of them make a mixed meal, and our canvasback is so fond of Potomac celery that it is rather loath to leave the limits of our territory.

The wood duck may go South some-



CANVASBACKS.

Where are they after they do come?

tain them. to the wooded streams, where they pants. - Philadelphia Record.

huddle against the lee bank, or the high north bank of some prairie pool may furnish them a haven. In all regions they will have their favorite roosting lakes, to which they are much



WOOD DUCK.

attached, and your success will likely lie more in knowing their couch than their table. Find the route of incoming and outgoing by being on hand early. Conceal yourself on this line by any blind you can find already at hand—at least dress inconspicuously and crouch low. Wading pants, allowing you to stoop to the arm-pits in the shallow edges, are ideal, if you can stand the two exes-exposure and ex-

Take a heavy, strong, shooting gun, all the powder you can stand behind, and the largest shot that your gun will carry well at forty yards, and reach out for anything you can see the color markings on. It is down wind and down grade, too, usually, remember-flight, sails and gravity combined -the speed about treble that of your isual shooting. Eight to ten feet ahead may not be too much sixty yards away. Calls may help when ducks are feeding, but are of little avail when they are going to roost. So, too, with decoys. Don't make the mistake of setting these with the wind, for ducks are apt to alight against them, and always feed with them in their faces.

This paper is written for the amateur, and all the sinkboat, swivel gun



MALLARDS

and other professional methods of capture are omitted. Go out with an old hunter some time and learn of him -if he will let you. -James Newton Baskett.

A Simple Gown.

Here is a costume for the woman who still clings to the plain gown. It is just the dress to wear beneath a coat and does much towards bringing out the beauties of a well-rounded figure. The material is dark-blue habit cloth. The skirt is perfectly plain; as



it reaches the hem there is a glimpse of an ecru cloth petticoat headed by a wavy design of gold braid. The tightfitting bodice is cut to show a yoke and pointed vest of the ecru cloth outlined with the gilf braid. The sleeve scorns all trimming.

A new coat attracting much attention in an uptown shop is of dark brown box cloth. It is made with a passementerie yoke in varying shades of mauve and violet. This yoke is outlined with woven gilt braid. The sleaves are capped with an epaulet edged with the braid. and they have a most elaborate cuff of passementerie and braid combined.—New York

A Theorist Who Failed.

There recently died in New Jersey

at the age of seventy-three a theorist times as the ice holes close up, but he who had spent all his fortune, which is generally with us, and you may often at one time was considerable, and all scare him with the tinkling of your his life in a vain attempt to solve the problem of extracting the silver which lies in solution in the sea from the Why, when abundant, almost anywhere, | salt water which holds it. He lived as I have said, but when scarce you down on the coast in a cottage which want to know their pet regions. They he built years ago, and on every side have them, I assure you. It is largely were constructed sluices, runways. a matter of local experience, and if washes and the various appliances with the country is strange to you a guide which he was experimenting. The inwill be an essential of success. On serior of the cottage resembled the each side of the writer, only a mile apartments of a medieval alchemist away, is a creek, but on one ducks are rather than that of a nineteenth cenoften plenty, while not a feather is to tury house by the sea. It was fitted be found on the other. But generally with retorts, phials, crucibles, and in rich muddy shallows full of grass roots the corner was a diminutive furnace. or crustaceous creatures, haunts of the | Some years ago he was joined in his spring frogs, rice or celery fields, bot- labors by a young woman about eightom woods, rich in acorn or beach teen. She attended him up to the day mast, or even the cornfields, and at of his burial, but since that time she times the upland growing wheat, con- has disappeared and no trace of her can be found. The cottage is dilapid-In all these ducks are hard to ap- ated and no heirs have claimed it, nor Cold, blustery days, with a has any paper been found to indicate thread of snow, are apt to drive them the name or origin of its strange occu-

An Iron Arithmeticaa.

A recent foreign letter told of the

success in London of an American invention called the "Arithmometer." The Westminister Budget says of it: In general appearance the machine is not at all unlike the typewriter, but its internal construction appears

to be considerably more complex. Yet it is declared that it is almost impossible for it to get out of order. About twelve inches square, the upper surface consists, as is the case of the typewriter, of a sloping keyboard, composed of keys or buttons corresponding to the various numerals. By pressing down these any amount desired, from £1,000,000 to a penny, can be printed by means of types operating through an ink riband on the paper which is fixed on the back of the machine. Line after line of figures can be printed this way, pounds, shillings and pence falling into their proper places according as the respective keys are pressed down, and then at the end, in virtue of some mysterious mechanism which seems nothing less than miraculous to the uninstructed, you pull a lever and your sum is done. Each column of figures is correctly added up, giving, of course, the sum total of all the amounts, is printed in its proper place underneath.



How the thing is done it is impossible to explain in detail, but the principle seems to be that in the case of each column of figures the machine keeps a record of the number of fignres which have been printed or given out, so to speak, and is so able to announce at any given time the total which must be placed at the foot of each column. With one single column of figures this might not seem so very remarkable, but the marvelous point about the machine under notice is that, in addition to adding up correctly, it executes with unfailing precision that more or less delicate operation of carrying forward. Thus if the total of the pence column amounts to, say, 65, it calmly records the odd 5d and carries forward the 5s. adding them without turning a hair (if one may use so disrespectful an expression) to the shilling column, and repeating the same thing, of course, with the shillings in their turn and with each column of the pounds. No wonder the machine took a lifetime to con-

A Dancing Somnambulist.

A young lady at school became a somnambulist. She rose from bed and consultation. I directed her night dress to be sewed up at the foot, so that it formed a large bag, and then I had the sleeves lengthened so much that each sleeve. after going around the body, reached the front, where it met the other sleeve and was securely

fastened to it. Our charge retired to bed in her ne v fangled night dress. The usual hour for the night walk came. She raised herself in the sitting posture, then stood upright and commenced to walk. The second step was a trip, for the foot behind held the bottom of the bag in which she stood. She stumbled, fell forward and awoke, and was put back into bed, where she soon fell asleep. And now came a curious change in the phases of the afflicted. She would still rise from bed each night, but made no further attempt to walk as before. She would stand erect, and, keeping the knees perfectly rigid, spring straight upward from the floor and thus dance about the room. This she would continue until fatigued and then retire to bed to sleep. The case ended in a perfect cure .- Pearson's Weekly.

An Inmate of Thirty-two Prisons.

Vasily Vasilievich Bervy, the latest addition to the Russian political refugees in London, is a remarkable man. He is sixty-four years old and twenty-six have been spent in exile and imprisonment. He has been inside no less than thirty-two prisons and yet has committed no act, humanity or civilization can regard as a crime. He was arrested in 1862 on suspicion of taking part in the propaganda of a revolutionary society and sent to Siberia, as "no proofs of his guilt" were forthcoming, to quote the terms of an official document referring to his case. He endured terrible privations with his young wife and child while in Asia. In 1870 he was allowed to return to Russia, but for writing a pamphlet advocating the abolition of class distinction and tyranny he was soon after exiled for another fourteen years. - Chicago Herald.

He Went to the Circus.

One day there was a circus in town and the elevator boy at the Atlanta Constitution, as he was carrying the late Henry W. Grady down, said: "Mr. Grady, I want to go to the

"Why don't you go, then?" asked the editor. "Who'll run the elevator?" asked

the boy. "Stop it!" said Grady. The boy took him at his word, proceeded to the bottom, locked the elevator, and editors, reporters, printers

under seventeen years of age.

and everybody else climbed up and down six flights while the kid went to the show. -- New York Journal. Of the recruits in the British army 32,094 were last year raised in England, 3567 in Scotland, and 3860 in Ireland. One thousand three hundred and five of these young soldiers were

WORDS OF WISDOM.

All sour grapes are not out of reach. Gossip is the sugar of old women's

Judgment is forced upon us by ex-Who bravely dares must sometimes

They lose the world who buy it with much care.

What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind?

Vice is a sponge which sucks in honor and gives out tears. A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill

manners. Humility is not necessarily a virtue. The violet would smell just as sweet

on a tree. The man who fears being taken at his true value is always on the alert for slights.

The old man who has forgotten that he ever was a boy is but a living tombstone to his buried youth. When any calamity has been suffered

the first thing to be remembered is, how much has been escaped. The tears we shed for others are mellowed by inward congratulation;

those shed for ourselves are brine. A millstone and a human heart is driven ever round; if they have nothing else to grind, they must themselves

be ground. The circumstances of the world are so variable that an irrevocable purpose or opinion is almost synonymous with

a foolish one. No school is more necessary to children than patience, because either the will must be broken in childhood or

the heart in old age. People are always talking of perseverance and courage and fortitude, but patience is the finest and worthiest part of fortitude. Patience lies at the root of all pleasures as well as of all powers. Hope herself ceases to be happiness when Impatience companions her.

At Close Quarters With a Leopard.

As a rule a man does not go out leopard shooting as he goes out snipe shooting or tiger shooting, says Longman's Magazine. Usually the news is brought by some excited and affrighted native that a leopard has entered his premises, and, after killing a child or a goat or a fowl, has hid itself in some shed or outhouse. On such an appeal it is usual to go out to try and kill the leopard, If a companion can be found, it is better for two men to go together than for one man to go alone with native followers. Almost the first case I remember to which we were called we found that the leopard was ensconced in a mat-and-thatch cowshed, of which the door had been closed on him.

We rather rashly opened the door in order to peep in. There was a rush and a scuffle as the leopard tore the door open wider and jumped out to escape. We were lucky in not being knocked down or even scratched. But the leopard did not get right away. It foolishly entered another shed, which was promptly closed on him and we had to begin again. My companion climbed on to the roof with his gun and an active native got up with him walked in her sleep. I was taken into | to tear open a hole in the thatch of the roof. I stood on the ground with a clear space before me in case the leopard should turn out in my direc-

The eager crowd of natives, who had come, regardless of danger, was induced to retire to a distance, while the most nimble of them climbed up into trees or onto the roofs of the adjacent huts. It takes longer to write this than to give an idea of what actually happened. The native who was tear-ing a hole in the thatch of the shed had rashly tried to look in to see where the leopard was. In a moment the leopard sprang at him, and its head appeared through the thatch. My companion put his gun to the beast's head and sent a bullet through its brain, so that it dropped dead into the hut. But there were loud cries from the native on the roof, for the bullet, after passing through the leopard's skull, had grazed the man's body, so that he was bleeding profusely and crying out that he was killed. He was quickly brought down from the roof of the shed, and his wound was washed and found to be little more than skin deep. A present of a few rupees soon comforted him. and he became, not undeservedly, the hero of the day among his fellow villagers. The carcass of the leopard was swung from a bamboo and brought to our house, and the skin became the property of my companion.

Trading Posts in the Far Northwest. The trading posts of the company are strange, quaint looking places, built according to a general type. A trading post is invariably square inclosed by immense trees or pickets, one end sunk deep in the ground and placed close together; a platform about the height of an ordinary man is carried along the sides of the square, so as to enable anyone on the inside to peep over without being in danger from arrow or bullet. The entrance is closed by two massive gates, an inner and outer, and all the houses of the chief traders and employes, the trading house, furroom and stores are within the square.

The trade room is cleverly contrived so as to prevent a sudden rush of Indians, the approach from outside the pickets being through a narrow passage, only of sufficient wilth to admit one Indian at a time, and bent at an acute angle near the window where the trader stands. If the passage were straight the trader could easily be shot. At the four angles are bastions, octagonal in shape, pierced with embrasures, to lead the Indians to believe in the existence of cannon .-Chicago Times.

Miles of Apple Trees.

In the Sandwich Islands the apple has become wild and forests of tree of many acres are found in various parts of the country. They extend from the level of the sea far up into the mountain sides. It is said that miles of these apple forests can occasionally be seen. One traveler gives the extent of one of them as between five and ten miles in width and about twenty miles

Bartering for Furs.

The system of trading at all the posts of the Hudson Bay Company is entirely one of barter. The standard of value throughout all the territories of the company is still—as for centuries past—the skin of the beaver, by which the price of all other furs is regulated. Any service rendered by the Indian is paid for in skins, the beaver skin being the unit of computation. To explain this system, let it be assumed that four beavers, are equivalent in value to a silver fox skin, two martens to a beaver, twenty muskrats to a marten, and so on. An Indian wishing to purchase a blanket or gun from the company would give say three silver foxes or twenty beaver skins, or 200 maskrats, or other furs, according to their proper relative po

sitions of worth in the tariff. For a very evident reason the trapper price paid for furs is not fixed in strict accordance with their intrinsic value; if this were so all the valuable fur-bearing animals would soon become extinct, as no Indian would bother to trap a cheap fur while a high-priced one remained uncaught. He may posvalue of the skins paid representing \$200, still he can if he chooses buy the same article by paying for it in muskrat, yellow fox, or other furs of inferior worth. - Chicago Times.

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Other Bengal rural aphorisms are: Have the land which receives the washings of the village, and the bullock which walks fast, and marry the girl whose mother is good." "He who whose mother is good." "He who works in the field himself with the laborers gets the full profit; he who, being unable to work himself, supervises the workings of the laborers, gets half the profit; he who orders the laborers from his house does not get enough to cat."—London News.

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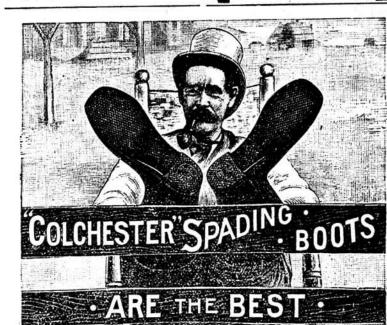
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